(b) the action Government propose to take to check the spread of AIDS among the women ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per UNAIDS and WHO AIDS "epidemic update" December 1997 and December 2002, the proportion of HIV infected women around the globe during year 1997 and 2002 was 39.5 per cent and 45.7 per cent respectively.

In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in all segments of population including women in the country, Govt. of India has launched a comprehensive National Aids Control Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme with the following components :—

- Preventive interventions for high-risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counselling and behaviour change communication.
- Preventive interventions for the general population through programmes for blood safety, voluntary counselling and testing services.
- Prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV, information education and communication (IEC) & awareness building among adolescents and sensitization for the AIDS Vaccine Initiative.
- Provisions of low cost care and support services by providing community care services, treatment of opportunistic infections and prevention of occupational exposure.
- Collaborative efforts to promote inter-sectoral programme activities including workplace interventions and public-private partnerships.
- Building technical and managerial capacities for programme implementation through Surveillance, Training, Monitoring and Evaluation, Technical resource groups, operational reasearch and Programme management.

Organ donation

4547. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in December, 2002 the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) at AIIMS, Delhi, has successfully coordinated organ donation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of such ORBOs in different parts of the country;

(d) the details of such organisations where transplantation has taken place in the last two years;

(e) whether the awareness campaign conducted by Government to give wide publicity of organ transplantation is satisfactory and yielding results; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Organ Retrieval Banking Oraganization (OTRBO) successfully coordinated organ donation on December, 13th and 14th, 2002 from two cadaver doners. A total of ten organs (two hearts, two livers, four kidneys and two corneas) were donated.These organs were allocated by ORBO to AIIMS and to Army (R&R) Hospital and Apollo Hospital in Delhi. Two hearts, two kidneys two corneas and one liver were successfully transplanted to terminally ill patients at AIIMS. One liver was transplanted at Apollo Hospital and two kidneys were transplanted at Army (R&R) Hospital. ORBO is a national facility and nodal centre set up by Government, to facilitate transplant programme in the country with a view to encourage organ donations, fair and equitable distribution of human organs and optimum utilisation of human organs. There are no other such organisations in other parts of the country. However some NGOs in different parts of the country are promoting organ donation.

(d) to (f) Under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 the Appropriate Authorities of the States concerned are empowered to grant registration certificates to such organisations. In respect of Union territories, D. H.S. is the Appropriate Authority. At present there are ten organisations registered under the Act in the Union territories. The information relating to such organisations in States is not Centrally maintained.

ORBO has established a dedicated four-digit help line No. 1060 for public enquiries regarding organ donation and transplantation. It is using print and electronic medida for public awareness in this regard.

Purchase of Doopan Samagri

4548. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that orders for the purchase of Doopan Samagri was placed to M/s. Baij Nath, Paprola during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said company was not short listed for the purpose;

(d) the criteria fixed and the instrumental authority in placing such orders; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken against the officials for violating the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) No order for the purchase of Doopan Samagri was placed to M/s. Baij Nath, Paprola during the last three years.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Supply of ayurvedic medicines to CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi/Gurgaon

4549. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Goel Medico, Green Park, New Delhi had been supplying the local purchase ayurvedic medicines to the ayurvedic CGHS dispensaries in Delhi/ Gurgaon since 1st April, 2002;

(b) whether the supply has since been stopped and if so, since when; and

(c) the action taken by Government to ensure the supply as expeditiously as possible so that beneficiaries may not face any further difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.